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1. It has been confirmed that Robert THER, Attache of the Czech Embassy in East Berlin, departed permanently from East Berlin about 1 May 1961. This does not, of course, preclude the possibility that THER might visit East Berlin to make meetings with GRAM should he be identical with "Novotny". As stated orally by Herr Berger to Herr Kutabach, THER's photograph appears in the Czech foto album and is #134.

2. In an attempt to identify the case officer or courier who was GRAM in Zurich HQ Headquarters scanned photographs of Czech officials currently assigned to Switzerland. The person who appeared to fit the description best was Vaclav <sup>SMISEK</sup> SMISEK, born 9 June 1927, who is the Attache at the Czech Legation in Bern and is suspected of being an intelligence officer. A picture of <sup>SMISEK</sup> SMISEK without glasses was included in the Czech photo album (#134). A current photograph of <sup>SMISEK</sup> SMISEK with glasses was passed to Herrn Kutabach, and it is suggested that both photographs of <sup>SMISEK</sup> SMISEK together with several other photographs, be shown to GRAM or to other individuals who might be able to identify the Czech involved.

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